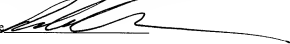


**PATENT**

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.8**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted via EFS to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below pursuant to 37 CFR §1.8.

Date 6/15/07

Signature 

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Application of:

PALIARD

Serial No.: 09/894,845

Filing Date: June 27, 2001

Title: TOLERANCE AND CHRONIC HEPATITIS C  
VIRUS

Examiner: J. Angell

Group Art Unit: 1635

Confirmation No.: 3705

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed April 18, 2007 with a shortened statutory period of three months for response. Since this response is submitted within two-months of the date of mailing (namely, by June 18, 2007), **expedited procedure after final** is requested. Applicant requests reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

A **Listing of the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.